

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

December 1, 2005

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to approve the minutes of the **November 10, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid HB 5144 before the committee.

HB 5144	Ball	Natural resources; hunting; commemorative bucks of Michigan, inc.; designate as the official record keeper of Michigan big game records.
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Representative Ball, sponsor of **HB 5144**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Terry J. Kemp and John Knevel, representing Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, Inc, testified in support of **HB 5144**. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Kemp and Mr. Knevel also submitted written material.*

Rodney Stokes, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card indicating support of **HB 5144**.

Representative Nitz moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute (**H-1**) for **HB 5144**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Casperson moved, supported by **Representative Baxter**, to report out **HB 5144** as substitute (**H-1**), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 5144 reported out as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5427 before the committee.

HB 5427 Casperson Natural resources; mining; rules regarding mineral mining; change promulgation deadline.

Representative Hildenbrand assumed the **Chair**.

Representative Casperson testified in support of **HB 5427**. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards in **support of HB 5427**, but did not wish to speak.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association
Doug Roberts, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Donna Stine, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Skip Pruss, representing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Nell Kuhnmuench, representing Kennecott Minerals
Michael Johnston, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association

Anne Woiwode, representing the Sierra Club, testified in support of **HB 5427**.

Representative McDowell moved, supported by **Representative Gillard**, to adopt the following amendment to **HB 5427**.

1. Amend page 1, line 9, by striking out “**JANUARY 31, 2006**” and inserting “**MARCH 31, 2006**.”

The motion did not prevail by a **vote of 4-5-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Baxter and Rocca,

Pass: None.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Casperson**, to report out **HB 5427** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 9-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Baxter, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5427 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Casperson returned to the **Chair**.

The Chair laid HB 5453, HB 5454, HB 5455, HB 5456, HB 5457, HB 5458 and HB 5462 before the committee.

HB 5453	Casperson	Natural resources; forests; timber harvests on state forestlands; restrict only if provided by state or federal law.
HB 5454	Elsenheimer	Natural resources; forests; commercial forests; modify penalties for withdrawing lands from commercial forest.
HB 5455	Huizenga	Natural resources; forests; commercial forest act; modify eligibility criteria.
HB 5456	Walker	Economic development; renaissance zones; forest products renaissance zones; create.
HB 5457	Emmons	Taxation; other; qualified forest property recapture tax; create.
HB 5458	Robertson	Education; other; qualified forest property; exempt from operating mills.
HB 5462	Farhat	Property tax; classification; tax incentive for managing private forestland through a development rights agreement; provide for.

Representative Elsenheimer, sponsor of **HB 5454**, explained his bill to the committee.

Questions and discussion followed. **Representative Elsenheimer** also submitted written material.*

Representative Casperson testified for **Representative Huizenga** on **HB 5455**.

Representative Walker, sponsor of **HB 5456**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

John Czarnecki, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified indicating a neutral position on **HB 5456**.

Representative Emmons, testified in support of **HB 5457**.

Representative Robertson, sponsor of **HB 5458**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Casperson explained **HB 5453** and **HB 5462**. Questions and discussion followed.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified on the forestry bill package before the committee (**HB 5453, HB 5454, HB5455, HB5456, HB5457, HB5458 and HB5462**).

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in opposition to the forestry bill package before the committee.

Anne Woiwode, representing the Sierra Club, testified in opposition to **HB 5453**. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards but did not get to speak.

Ron Nelson, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a testimony card in support of the forestry bill package.

Peggy Johnson, representing Michigan Department of Treasury, indicating a neutral position on **HB 5455, HB 5457 and HB 5462**.

Donna Stine, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in opposition to **HB 5453**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:30 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk

December 1, 2005
2 hours

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.